ENG 3001-004: Advanced Composition

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ENGLISH 3001

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Office Hours: MW 10-11, 2-3; F 10-11 and by appointment.

I. TEXTS:  
- Time magazine  
- Living Language (LL)  
- Everything’s An Argument (EA)  
- The Blair Handbook  
- Notebook for Journal (8 x 10)

II. ASSIGNMENTS (with appropriate grade % for each):

1. Critical Papers: 4 essays (3-4 pages) related to reading material, or in-class writing. These papers should not be research exercises. Papers must be typed, double-spaced, with one-inch margins to allow for comments. You must always hand in rough drafts with finished essays or essays may not be accepted. (52%)

2. Research Paper: A 5-page paper on a specific assigned topic. Papers must be typed, double-spaced, with one-inch margins. (20%)

3. Journals: A notebook you write in throughout the semester, 3 times a week, based on your reactions to what you read in TIME or LL or EA. This should be a place where you explore ideas in response to readings, discussions, experiences. It is not a diary. It is a tool for developing critical thinking that will help you in writing your papers. At times in-class writing exercises will be assigned. Your journal will be collected 3 times during the semester and assigned one final grade. (18%)

4. Participation: Since the members of your work group depend on you for critical feedback that helps them develop their papers and this in turn helps you develop editing skills, and since developing a sense of audience is part of what you will be learning in this class, you will be graded for your participation in the peer editing process of your group. Your work group is an essential part of your writing experience. (10%)

III. ATTENDANCE: Without regular attendance you will miss the in-class writing assignments, discussions, and work groups. These are the sources for all of your papers. Since the members of your work group depend on you for critical feedback that helps them develop their papers and this in turn helps you develop editing skills, and since developing a sense of audience is part of what you will be learning in this class, your paper will be downgraded if you do not participate in the peer editing process of your group. Your work groups are an essential part of your writing experience. In addition, having more than 3 unexcused absences will result in a failing mark for your participation grade.

IV. LATE WORK: All assignments are due on the dates specified. If you cannot complete an assignment on time, you must see me before it is due, or it could be lowered one grade, or not accepted at all if it is later than the next class meeting.

V. CONFERENCES: These will be scheduled to discuss progress or problems in your writing. Conferences are mandatory. No one is excused. Missing conferences could result in your grade being lowered one letter.

VI. FINAL NOTE: If you have a documented disability and wish to receive academic accommodations, please contact the Coordinator of the Office of Disabilities Services (6583) as soon as possible.
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**Course Calendar:**

**Aug.**  
20 Introduction  
22 In-class writing (free writing)  
24 Begin Journals (TIME); Rios: "Becoming and Breaking" (xerox)  
27 Work Groups  
29 Work Groups  
31 **LL:** Arthur, p.46, Keller, p.47, Malcolm X, p.55

**Sept.**  
3 Labor Day--NO CLASS  
5 Work Groups  
7 Work Groups  
10 Discuss Research Paper; Work Groups  
12 **VIDEO** on Work Groups  
14 Begin Paper #2 (Analysis); **EA:** Cottle,428, Monaghan,494; Chonin,531  
17 **PAPER #1 DUE:** Work Groups  
19 Work Groups  
21 Work Groups; **JOURNALS DUE** (6 entries)  
24 Conferences  
26 Conferences  
28 Conferences

**Oct.**  
1 Work Groups  
3 Work Groups  
5 Fall Break--NO CLASS  
8 Begin Paper #3 (Comp&Cont); **LL:** De Witt,37; Nilsen,173; Miller, Wift & Maggio  
10 **(Xerox handout)**  
12 **PAPER #2 DUE**  
12 Work Groups  
15 Work Groups  
17 Work Groups  
19 Work Groups  
22 Begin Paper #4 (Argument); **EA:** Govani,511; Vidal/Carvel,539; Dorfman,581  
24 **PAPER #3 DUE:** Work Groups  
26 **JOURNALS DUE** (6 entries); Work Groups  
29 Conferences--**BIBLIOGRAPHY DUE & RESEARCH PARAGRAPH DUE**  
31 Conferences--**BIBLIOGRAPHY DUE & RESEARCH PARAGRAPH DUE**

**Nov.**  
5 Work Groups  
7 Work Groups  
9 Conference—NO CLASS  
12 Work Groups  
14 Work Groups  
16 **PAPER #4 DUE**

19 Thanksgiving Break  
21 Thanksgiving Break  
23 Thanksgiving Break  
26 Work Groups  
28 Work Groups  
30 Work Groups  
5 Conferences: **RESEARCH PAPER DUE; JOURNALS DUE** (5 entries)  
7 Conferences: **RESEARCH PAPER DUE; JOURNALS DUE** (5 entries)  
9 Conferences: **RESEARCH PAPER DUE; JOURNALS DUE** (5 entries)